

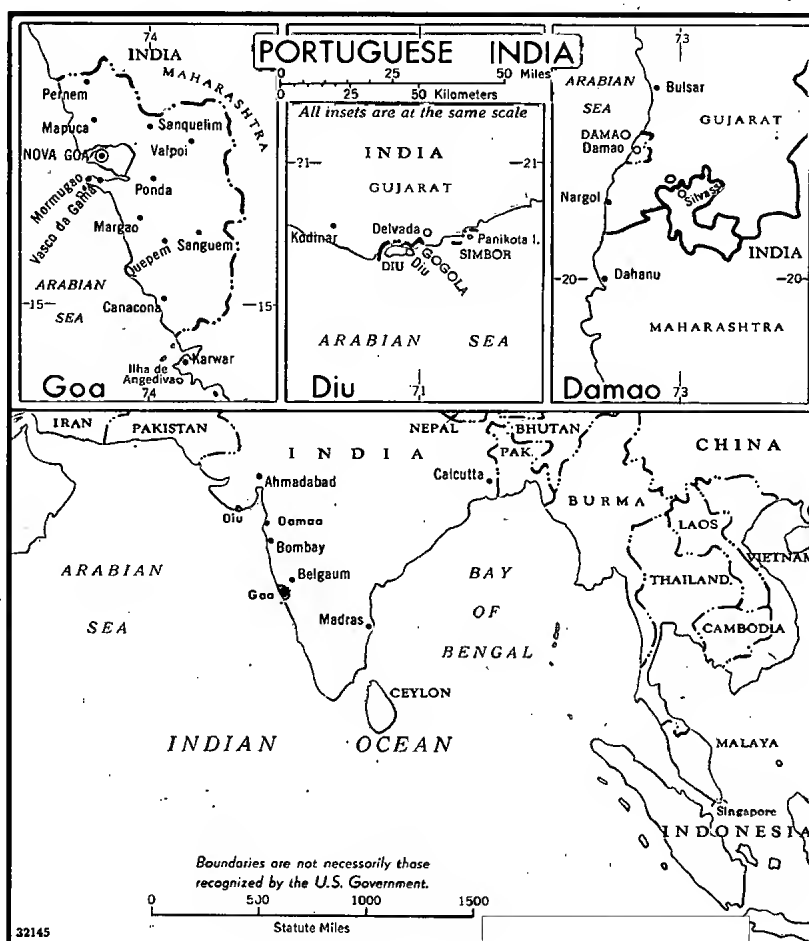
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Goa

A. The Indian attack, using upwards of 17,000 troops, armor and artillery, and supported by jet aircraft, will probably overrun Goa very quickly.

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So far, it appears that fighting is rather light; we think the Indian forces are trying to achieve their objectives with a minimum use of force. The smaller enclaves of Diu and Damao have been taken against only minor resistance. B. At least through Thursday Nehru was holding back. We think that the momentum of military and psychological build-up coupled with pressure from Krishna Menon and no sign of give from Salazar, finally overcame his reluctance.

C. Portugal has asked for a meeting of the UN Security Council, and probably will seek a self-determination vote. The Portuguese believe, we think with some reason, that the Goan population does not want to be absorbed by India.

D. The Communist bloc has supported India, as have many of the Afro-Asian group. Elsewhere, reaction has been generally unfavorable.

2. Consequences of the Goan affair

Aside from the general encouragement given to those who want to solve international problems by force, we anticipate a number of specific results:

- A. In Portugal, after an initial "rallying to the flag," Salazar's opposition will be strengthened.
- B. In India, the Congress Party's election prospects will be improved, and in the longer run we would expect India Chauvinism to become a problem.
- C. Sukarno will feel new pressure to go for West New Guinea, and will almost certainly add Portuguese Timor to his list.
- D. The Chinese Communists may be tempted to take Macao.
- E. Afro-Asian support of dissident movements in Portuguese Africa will be stepped up.
- F. There may be a direct affect on the Katanga operation. In Portuguese eyes, the Indian troops there are destroying Tshombé's buffer state which would stand between Angola and the full force of African nationalism.



3. Congo

A. The mop-up of Elizabethville continues. The UN apparently has no intention of moving against other Katangan troop concentrations at present. However, UN Chief Linner has said that the ouster of the mercenaries would have to be part of any agreement with Tshombé or the UN would have to "seek them out."

B. Adoula and Tshombé have agreed to meet at the UN air base of Kitona, with Gullion planning to escort Tshombé there today.

C. That the two will meet is by no means certain, however, as Tshombé wants a formal cease-fire before he comes to Kitona; the UN is willing to cease-fire in fact, but not to announce it, because a formal cease-fire would make it impossible for Adoula to come.

D. Tshombé contends that the purpose of the meeting will be to end the fighting and gives no sign of willingness to discuss integration of Katanga into the Congo. There is also some doubt of his--and Adoula's--ability to enforce any agreement among his own followers.

4. Cambodian protest in UN against overflights reflects fear of involvement in Laos or South Vietnam.

Sihanouk has not specified whose aircraft they are, but implies they are involved in aerial reconnaissance on behalf of Diem. To dramatize his protest he has announced his intention to acquire anti-aircraft guns, and seems to have accepted some as a gift from the USSR.

5. Greek activities in Albania

The Greeks are taking advantage of the Soviet-Albanian feud to renew their longstanding campaign for Albanian-held portions of Epirus

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Italy and Yugoslavia would not favor any Greek ambitions.

6. More Soviet fighters
move into Eastern Europe

The total has now reached 250-300, the reasons behind this move are still not clear; the aircraft are not first-line models and may have come out of storage. The Watch Committee mechanism has examined these moves, as well as the general Communist military posture, and finds no evidence of an intention to start a war. We think it more likely that the USSR is increasing its military capabilities in anticipation of further harassments of Western access to West Berlin or allied military access to East Berlin, or may simply be applying pressure looking toward the start of negotiations with the West.

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NOTES

- A. Hill so far reports no major adverse reaction to Balaguer's announcement of a political agreement, but he expects the Fidelista to agitate against it.

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- C. Contrary to our expectations, the bloc Council for Mutual Economic Assistance ended its meeting in Warsaw without expelling Albania.
- D. Latest returns from yesterday's Okinawan elections show the leftist candidate for Mayor of Naha trailing by a narrow margin.
- E. In the Salvadoran election--described by our Embassy as one of the most honest ever held there--the Party of National Conciliation, which supports reform, has an overwhelming lead.

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- G. Cheddi Jagan of British Guiana has begun preparations to get economic aid from the bloc.

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